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| Applicant DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | | |

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☐ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G06F17/60 H04L29/06

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-17

Independent claim 1 relates to an electronic book system that comprises: a queue processor that determines a queue location; and two types of queue each for storing sections of electronic books.

2. Claims: 18-28

Independent claim 18 relates to a computer system for distributing electronic books comprising: a processor section for packaging electronic books; a queue section for storing the packaged electronic books; and a queue server that empties the queue section.

3. Claims: 29-37

Independent claim 29 relates to a computer system for distributing electronic books comprising: a queue selection module that determines a queue for storing a packet containing an ordered electronic book and a header section; and a queue service module that determines a priority for delivery of the packet.

4. Claims: 38-50

Independent claim 38 relates to an apparatus for providing electronic books comprising: a main interface that receives a request for a main section of an electronic book; and a main processor that locates the requested main section.

5. Claims: 51-78

Independent claims 51 and 65 relate to a computer-readable medium for controlling an electronic book delivery system including a broadcast module that determines a selection of electronic books for broadcast wherein orders received from readers are based on the selection broadcast to readers.

6. Claim : 79

Independent claim 79 relates to a user interface for ordering and receiving electronic books

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